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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently constituted Disaster Management Committee of MCD has submitted its reports to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to non-availability of proper implements the relief work in Gujarat was severely hampered and many precious lives were lost; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of these implements in sufficient quantity in Delhi at all times and in other parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the Committee has prepared its report but the same has not been submitted to the Government.

(b): The Committee, apart from resource mapping, has recommended a well defined plan assigning specific responsibilities of different Departments/persons for rescue, relief and rehabilitation of the affected persons during disaster.

(c): The severity of the earthquake, location of epicenter, immediate non-availability of special implements, in the affected area all such factors lead to loss of human lives and hampering of relief work.

(d): As far as Delhi is concerned, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reportedthat it has got repaired/purchased some light equipments like cutters and hammers. The sources of immediate availability of heavy equipments have been identified by it to be procured at the hour of need.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informedthat it is making three Disaster Management Cells operational at Nehru Place, Rohini and Laxmi Bagar Fire Stations.
A high powered Committee has been set up by the Ministry of Agriculture for formulating Disaster Management Plan andto examine the issues related with mitigation preparedness, prevention and post-disaster response. The HPC is also formulating recommendations for improving availability of proper implements, tools and machines at strategic positions to deal with post-disaster rescue and relief work.